tables, because the entry corresponding to the individual number H1 has been set. Therefore, it is determined in step S51 of Fig. 11 that YES is obtained. Since the conference participant HM3 having the individual number H3 pays attention to the conference participant HM5, it is determined in step S53 that YES is obtained. Since the "whether registration has been made to group table" cell for the individual number H5, indicating the attention destination, is "×," as shown in Fig. 17, it is determined in step S54 of Fig. 11 that NO is obtained.

As a result, in step S58, the individual number H5 of the attention destination is input to the group G1, which is the "self group" of the individual number H3. In the group table, the number of members in the group G1 is updated to three and its members are updated to H1, H3, and H5 in the group table as shown in Fig. 18. In the attention-destination table, the "whether registration has been made to group table" cell for the individual number H5 is set to "○" as shown in Fig. 19.

The setting of the entry of the conference participant HM3 (having an individual number of H3) has been finished.

The setting of the entry of the conference participant HM4 (having an individual number of H4) will be described next.

Since the "whether registration has been made to group

table" cell is "×" when the entry corresponding to the
individual number H4 is input to the tables, it is
determined in step S51 of Fig. 11 that NO is obtained, and
the entry corresponding to the individual number H4 is input
to the group table in the next step S52. As a result of the
process of step S52, the number of members for a group
number G3 which is the group following the groups G1 and G2
is set to one, and the individual number H4 is input to the
member column, as shown in Fig. 20. The "whether
registration has been made to group table" cell for the
individual number H4 is changed to "○" in the attention-
destination table as shown in Fig. 21.

Then, it is determined in step S53 that YES is obtained.
Since the attention destination is A2 indicating the
conference participant HM2, and the "whether registration
has been made to group table" cell for the entry of the
individual number H2 is "○," as shown in Fig. 21, it is
determined in step S54 that YES is obtained.

In step S55, a group number is searched for for the
individual number H2 of the attention destination to obtain
the group number G2 to which the individual number H2
serving as the attention destination belongs. In the next
step S56, it is determined that NO is obtained because the
group number to which the individual number H4 belongs is G3
and the group number to which the individual number H2

serving as the attention destination belongs is G2. In the next step S57, the group number G3 to which the individual number H4 belongs is merged into the group G2, which has a smaller number, to which the individual number H2 belongs.

Therefore, in the group table, the number of members in the group G2 is updated to two, and its members are updated to H2 and H4, as shown in Fig. 22. The attention-destination table is updated (the same as that shown in Fig. 21) as shown in Fig. 23.

The setting of the entry of the conference participant HM4 (having an individual number of H4) has been finished.

The setting of the entry of the conference participant HM5 (having an individual number of H5) will be described last.

Since the "whether registration has been made to group table" cell is "O" as shown in Fig. 23 when the entry corresponding to the individual number H5 is input to the tables. Therefore, it is determined in step S51 of Fig. 11 that YES is obtained. Since the conference participant HM5 having the individual number H5 pays attention to the conference participant HM3, it is determined in step S53 that YES is obtained. Since the "whether registration has been made to group table" cell for the individual number H3, indicating the attention destination, is "O," as shown in Fig. 23, it is determined in step S54 of Fig. 11 that YES is